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MR. T. ST. JOHN GAFFNEY

**T.** ST. JOHN GAFFNEY may or may not be guilty of the indiscretions laid at his door. It is enough that he is thought guilty of them, by one or another of the powers with which the United States is trying to be at peace.

The diplomatic and consular service are peculiar in this, that the persons in such employment must be agreeable to the nations with whose citizens they deal.

It is enough to warrant the recall of Mr. Gaffney if Germany, France, England or Russia do not like the color of his eyes, or the length of his hair.

Some day the world may attain to exact justice for each and every man. This goal is not reached. Gentlemen who have found their way into Europe, who, instead of being shot down or blown up, are merely called home, should count themselves in luck. No tears for Mr. T. St. John Gaffney.

## DEFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

**I**N BUSY TIMES manufacturers complain of the scarcity of really skilled help. There is abundance of unskilled labor, but comparatively little that is trained to a high degree of efficiency.

This is largely the fault of the educational system. Hundreds of millions are expended on the education of youth, but too frequently this training is to ends not directly useful.

The education in common schools, high schools and college is too largely cultural, and usually not of much direct advantage in learning how to do the world's work.

The technical education supplied by colleges is often designed to keep the ranks of experts thin, more than it is to find experts, and give society the benefit of their skill.

The system moreover labors under the difficulty of being entirely designed for the slowest. There is no swift road for talent. A further defect is that the community makes no effort to discover talents of a special kind, which may be peculiarly valuable, if cultivated and applied.

The community for its vast expenditures in education gets a tiny return, compared with what it might receive, if studies were more directly related to preparation for industry, and if especially able persons were specially trained in those pursuits for which they exhibit unusual talent.

## THE INUTILITY OF FOOTBALL

**T**HE ARGUMENT for football is that many persons play it, and many more go to see it played. What many do, as evidence that the thing ought to be done, is entitled to great weight, but is not conclusive.

People often do the best they know how, and then find a better way. The forefathers rode in stage coaches, but afterward preferred railroads. Their descendants use automobiles.

Slavery was once a common institution, and a great many continue to drink to excess, or over-eat, with the approbation tacit or implied of many others.

Most things that have at sometime had general approval, had some useful connection with the times. They fell out of approval when they ceased to be useful.

Modern attacks on football are based upon the claim that it is an outworn institution, which never was very useful and is now not useful at all.

It assembles young men, who perform excessive exercise, so that they are frequently disabled before middle age.

It also assembles hundreds of thousands of persons mainly of sedentary occupation, who, instead of taking needed exercise, ride to the game, and sit inactive for several hours, watching other men exercise.

It is difficult to defend an arrangement by which thousands who get too little exercise sit to watch the efforts of a score or so, who get too much.

## IN DARKER PATERSON

**P**ATERSON HAS a chief of police who reverences the constitution almost as much as Mayor Wilson does.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn visited that city to give leadership to some strikers. She was arrested, and is being tried. Chief Binson, being examined, testified as follows:

"I asked Miss Flynn what her business was there. Her reply was that she there to speak to working people. I said, 'I'll give you twenty-four hours to leave town.' The chief testified.

Mr. Simpson wanted to know if he had assumed Miss Flynn had violated the law when he gave this order and Chief Binson replied that he had.

"Then is it your custom here to order law breakers to run away?" inquired Miss Flynn's counsel.

"No, sir."

"You haven't the right to order people out of town if you don't like them, have you?"

"I assumed that right."

"That is," queried Mr. Simpson, "if you didn't like my necktie you could order me out of town?" The front row, filled with the severely dressed women friends of Miss Flynn and Leonard Abbott, smiled approval of this question.

"I ordered her out," the chief explained, "because I had known before the meeting of her attitude toward strikes and agitators."

"If any one comes to Paterston," went on Mr. Simpson, "and tries to educate, instruct and enlighten the workers you would term them undesirable and order them out of town in twenty-four hours?"

"Yes, on my own responsibility," replied the chief.

But Miss Flynn was not arrested because she refused to leave Paterston. She is definitely charged with using language calculated to incite violence.

In Bridgeport we are beyond such namby pamby methods. Here the mayor simply orders volunteer educators not to speak. If they open their mouths, he has them arrested. The charge is "breach of the peace." The offense is less majestic, which, translated into the English language, means the same as disobeying the mayor.

Mayor Wilson is commended to the authorities of Paterston for Chief Binson's job. That gentlemen's methods are too delicate and refined for a free American community.

Miss Audrey Creveling, aged 26, was struck and killed at Summit, N. J., by a Lackawanna train on which she had a few minutes before placed her mother.

City detectives arrested three men at the New Netherlands Bank, New York, charged with trying to remove packages of bank notes through the cashier's window by means of a hook on the end of a cane.

Attendance at the Panama-Pacific Exposition passed the 18,000,000 mark.

Announcement of the gift to the state of an armored train and an armored aeroplane for use by the militia, was made at Governor Whitman's budget hearing at Albany. The train was given by steel manufacturers and the aeroplane by aircraft manufacturers.

## Ex-Queen Alexandra, 71 Today, Aids in Caring For Wounded

Although she will pass her seventy-first milestone today, Dowager Queen Alexandra is still active and energetic, and since the outbreak of war she has devoted much of her time to relief work among the wounded and in aiding the families of soldiers. She has been active in the work of a number of societies having these ends in view, and her labors in the role of "angel of mercy" have further endeared her to the people of the British Isles. The Queen mother—a title, by the way, to which she objects, as savoring too much of the sore and yellow leaf—was born at Copenhagen on the first of December, 1844. The eldest daughter of King Christian IX. of Denmark, she came of a notable family. Her brother, a little more than a year her junior, became King George of Greece in 1863, the same year Alexandra was married to Edward, Prince of Wales, in St. George's Chapel at Windsor. Three years after Alexandra's marriage to the heir to the British throne, her younger sister became the bride of Alexander, the heir apparent to the Russian throne. The latter became Emperor, and Dagmar the Empress, in 1881, twenty years before Edward VII. and Alexandra assumed the royal throne of the United Kingdom. The younger sister of Alexandra and Dagmar, Thyra, became the bride of the Duke of Cumberland, the claimant of the kingdom of Hanover, of which his father was deprived by Prussia. Queen Alexandra is the aunt of Constantine, King of the Hellenes; of Christian X., King of Denmark, and of the Duke of Brunswick who married the Kaiser's daughter, Princess Victoria Louise. Her youngest daughter, Queen Maud, occupies the Norwegian throne. Like the Russian Dowager, Queen Alexandra is outspoken in her detestation of the Germans. While most of the other members of the British royal family have had a bitter personality, it is said that Queen Alexandra condemns the Hohenzollern family "lock, stock and barrel," and is not at all particular about who knows it. Alexandra retains much of her youthful attractiveness of appearance, which she attributes to her total abstinence from red meats, puddings, pastry, coffee, cocoa, and wines, and her liberal consumption of vegetables and fruits.

## Jewish Children Celebrate "Chanukah" For Eight Days

Considering that Christmas comes but once a year, and lasts only twenty-four hours, many a Christian youngster will feel envious of his Jewish companions today, for the chief festival of the Hebrew children, "Chanukah," which begins this evening, will continue for a period of eight days. The Feast of the Dedication of the Temple, which commences on the twenty-fifth of the month Kislev, corresponding this year to the second of December, is observed by old as well as young, but, like Christmas, it is looked upon as a custom for rejoicing among the rising generation.

At sundown this evening the paternal families of the orthodox Jewish family will light a candle and thus usher in the celebration. Tomorrow night he will light a second candle from the first, and so on until the eighth night there will be eight candles burning. To add to the interest of the children, the candles are often colored ones.

This rite has an ancient historical significance. Away back in 65 B. C. the foundation for the present celebration was laid when Judas Maccabaeus, the gallant Jewish general, led a successful revolt and captured Jerusalem. Antiochus Epiphanes, a Syrian monarch, who had seized control of Palestine, had attempted to suppress the Jewish worship. The patriotic Maccabaeus was the son of Mattathias, an old village priest, who started the revolt.

The triumph of the Jews followed a period of unparalleled slaughter. Antiochus, the Syrian king, had destroyed the walls of Jerusalem, and decreed the general and exclusive introduction of Greek idolatry. The image of the king was placed in the temple, swine were sacrificed on the altar, new altars were erected all over the country where the Jews, on penalty of death, were forced to worship Jupiter, and the Hebrew Scriptures were burned. Thousands after thousands were slain or dragged into a captivity worse than death.

When Mattathias and his five sons, Judas, John, Simon, Eleazar and Jonathan, were commanded to sacrifice to Jupiter, they drew their swords and declared that they would never submit. Their brave example aroused others, and thousands flocked after them into the desert, where they destroyed the altars of their Syrian oppressors. Contempt of death gave victory, and when the old patriot priest died in 146 and gave the command of this army to his son Judas, the latter soon displayed a military genius that places him in the front rank of Hebrew martial heroes. He won several overwhelming victories, and terror reigned among the Syrians in Judea. The greatly superior forces of the Syrians, led by their ablest generals, were defeated by the Jews, and Jerusalem was reconquered. Their triumph was brief, however, and five years later Judas was killed in battle, with all his companions.

When Jerusalem was recaptured and the temple rescued and purified and rededicated to the worship of Jehovah, the high priest found only a small bottle of unpolluted oil. This was enough to last but one day, but according to the legend, it miraculously burned for eight days. This is the origin of the rite of the eight candles, and the celebration of Chanukah. The Jewish children receive gifts and play games, while the elders play cards, eat pancakes and drink tea. Chanukah is the only time when music is allowed in the orthodox synagogues. The Hebrews long ago made a vow that until the Messiah comes they will not play music in the sacred edifices.

## "The Stubborn Prince"

"The Stubborn Prince" is the name which Russian, British, French and Italian diplomats have conferred upon Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, the real ruler of the little nation which has been fighting heroically for its existence. King Peter has virtually abdicated the throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander, a youth who will be twenty-seven years old next Saturday, having been born on Dec. 4, 1888. Alexander's mother, who was Princess Zorka of Montenegro, the daughter of King Nicholas I. and the sister of the queen of Italy, died when he was only

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two years old. Prince Alexander's father was an exile in Switzerland at the time of his marriage and the birth of his three children—two sons and a daughter. Alexander was in his fifteenth year when Peter was recalled to Serbia to mount the throne. He was a quiet, studious lad in strange contrast to his elder brother, whose wild dissipation and escapades forced him to renounce his right to the throne in 1909. Both of the brothers have shown great bravery and ability in the present war, but it is largely to Alexander's stubbornness that the diplomats of Serbia's powerful allies attribute the present plight of the country. All of the diplomatic efforts to win over Bulgaria, Greece and Rumania to the cause of the Allies went for naught because Alexander stubbornly and steadfastly refused to make the concessions which Serbia's neighbors, and especially Bulgaria, demanded as the price of their aid. While there is no disposition to blame Prince Alexander for his attitude, but rather a tendency to admire him for his firm stand in refusing to give Bulgaria her pound of flesh, the diplomats of the Allies doubtless wish that Serbian rulership had developed upon a man less "set in his ways."

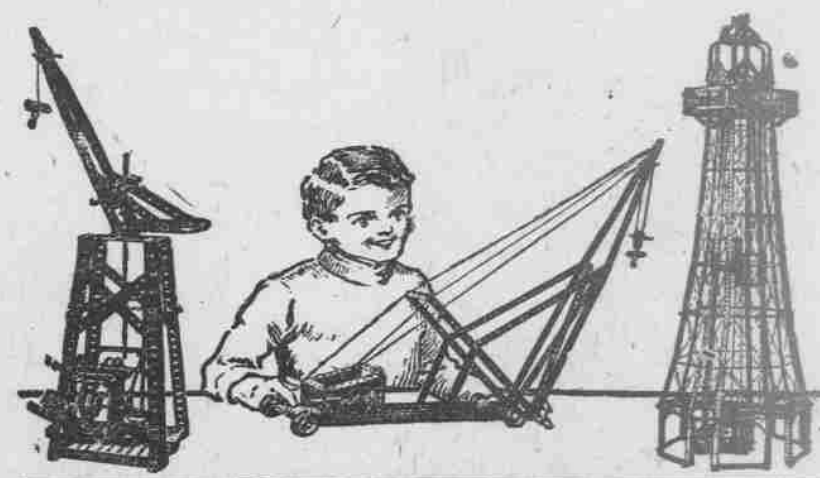
## Saxony Taxes Unmarried.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The city of Oshatz in Saxony is the first German municipality to impose an extra tax upon the unmarried. Two or three other German towns have a tax on bachelors, but the new Oshatz law applies alike to male and female. Only Catholic priests are exempt. Other unmarried persons above 2 must pay above their regular municipal tax: On incomes from 1,800 to 2,400 marks yearly, five per cent; 2,400 to 4,000 marks, ten per cent; 4,000 to 6,000 marks, fifteen per cent; 6,000 to 10,000 marks, twenty per cent, and above 10,000 marks, twenty-five per cent.

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